

REMARKS

Claims 1-78 are pending in this application and are subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. With this amendment, claims 1-78 are cancelled and claims 79-134 are added. Applicants submit that this amendment adds no new matter. Support for the claims can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. After entry of the present amendments, claims 79-134 will be pending.

Restriction Requirement

In the present Office Action, restriction is required between the following groups:

Group I comprising claims 1-36, 77, and 78, drawn to method for measuring a cellular response, classified in class 436, subclass 517, for example.

Group II comprising claims 37-50 and 76, drawn to method for identifying a cytoskeletal signature, classified in class 435, subclass 7.2, for example.

Group III comprising claims 51-63, 68-72, and 75, drawn to method for assessing the presence, absence, and progression of a disease state in a subject, classified in class 436, subclass 811, for example.

Group IV comprising claims 64-67, drawn to method for determining a response profile to a drug, classified in class 435, subclass 973, for example.

Group V comprising claims 73-74, drawn to method for determining donor-recipient compatibility for transplant therapy, classified in class 424, subclass 9.2, for example.

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Applicants hereby elect the claims of group III (claims 51-63, 68-72, and 75). These claims have been redrafted as claims 79-134. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in continuing applications.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Favorable consideration and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

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